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The Government has gone far too far in its involvement in this case. The Government should not be in the business of edicting how software is designed. Anyone who did not like Microsoft products could have voted with their hard drives and purchased Apple or O/S -2 or any of the other competition. They didn't because Microsoft had a better product and I have used it for years, as well as several of their competition's. So what if Microsoft gave the customer a better deal by including a free browser? We the customer got the free browser and the best overall operating systems on the market over the years. If you had ever tried to piece together software designed by disparate vendors before windows you would understand the miracle they accomplished.

The governments interests in protecting the people would be far better served by investigating the patronage that goes on throughout its many branches both State and Federal where we pay for the best qualified person to be hired and get instead some unqualified hack and then pay again because we have to actually hire someone to do the work.

Start with the Massachusetts State government, Logan Airport and the Massachusetts "Pork" Authority!

We the taxpayer lost thousands of our fellow citizens, and Billions of dollars because of patronage at Logan airport and apparent incompetence of the FAA. Spend some time looking at where the real problems are in our society, and leave Bill Gates alone! He should be praised for his accomplishments in stimulating the economy and expanding the world wide trade opportunities you are now stifling; not castigated by an out of touch government.

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